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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Office of Current Intelligence
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

**OCI Reporting on the 24-25 April Coup in
the Dominican Republic**

1. Since coming to power in December 1963 as President of the Triumvirate, Reid has been faced with almost constant plotting by various factions of the military. This was brought on by his firm position for eliminating graft and corruption on the part of high-ranking military officers. He also made changes in the command structure of the police as well as the military which some officers felt were arbitrary. Reid also alienated much of the general populace with his austerity program aimed at the financial and economic recovery of his country.

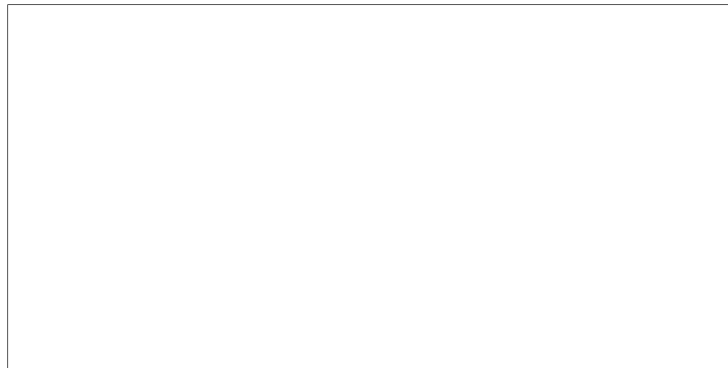
2. There have been numerous articles in the President's Daily Brief, Central Intelligence Bulletin, Current Intelligence Weekly Review, and the Current Intelligence Digest reflecting this general malaise over the past several months. However, there were no articles assessing the precise date of a coup. Excerpts from selected publications follow:

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**President's Daily Brief
17 Apr 65**

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Current Intelligence Digest
13 Apr 65

"The Reid government is taking action against elements in the Dominican military that are continuing to plot against it. ...One group is reportedly planning to establish a military junta that would restore Bosch or Balaguer. The leader of this group is reported to have contacted Bosch in Puerto Rico... It appears unlikely that this military plotting, which is endemic in the Dominican Republic, will have any success...."

Current Intelligence
Weekly Review
19 Feb 65

"...Opportunistic politicians and recently ousted army and police officials can be expected to take advantage of the current economic hardships to foment business and labor unrest."

Current Intelligence
Weekly Review
22 Jan 65

"Tensions have increased among rival Dominican military leaders. ...Although Reid has successfully maneuvered Peguero's ouster, the ensuing unrest among leaders of the armed forces indicates that his problems with the military are not over."

Central Intelligence Bulletin
21 Jan 65

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Central Intelligence Bulletin
1 Dec 64

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